Subject: Chat with Dan COLLINS
From: Dan COLLINS <vermontaigne@gmail.com>
To: barriticus@gmail.com

9:18 AM **me**: howdyy
how are things on the right?
9:20 AM ready to win the election?

21 minutes

9:41 AM **Dan**: I've been in Wisconsin helping my folks get their house ready to sell, so I haven't been politicking.
9:42 AM **me**: I don't think you'll need to be
Dan: Oh, it's that way, is it?
me: well, I'm seeing a Dem loss of control in the House
Dan: Could have something to do with economic policy.
A more foolish squandering, I've never seen.
me: and the new poll numbers are out regarding 2012
9:43 AM **Dan**: That's a long way off.
me: true dat
Dan: I'm kind of in the throw the bums out faction, though.
Love to see as many incumbents of both parties gone.
me: I'm kind of in the "and then try them in military courts" faction
9:44 AM **Dan**: Yeah. Military policy, though, is a function, I'm afraid, of economics.
me: Obama's already pissed off most of the attentive mods and leftists
not only the mods, but the rockers, too
9:45 AM **Dan**: Yeah, but the leftists wouldn't be satisfied, no matter what.
LOL.
me: oh, they were satisfied at first
a lot of apologetics early on
Dan: I want my Utopia, and I want it now, can't be answered.
me: well, partisan blinders can keep Dems happy well after the promises are broken
9:46 AM there were a number of bloggers running with the "give him time, guys" line for a while
Dan: Really wonder what's in it for Bill Clinton.
me: I can't imagine what else he wants
Secretary General?
Dan: I think he wants to live in a beach house with Al Gore.
9:47 AM **me**: god, I hate Al Gore so much
Dan: Yeah, he's a spectacular species of putz.
me: also John Edwards
Dan: Who cares about Edwards?

me: the fact that there was a faction of the Dem Party that was pushing for him as nominee
Dan: Some of them bloggers . . .
me: shows that it's time for the Dems to split
most of them bloggers
9:48 AM you should have seen Daily Kos back then
Dan: It's time for the parties to die, my friend.
me: yeah, no shit
Dan: Fuck em. As Kos would say.
me: or Twain
Dan: Only . . . it's not like they ever sacrificed anything.
Except our best interests.
9:49 AM **me**: I wonder what goes through Obama's head
Dan: Have you got the Twain autobiog, yet?
me: clearly he's a secularist, we have secular-dar
no, but I damn well will
Dan: What goes on in Obama's head: Obama, Obama, Obama.
me: Alan Dershowitz wrongly compared me to him
I only like his non-fiction
Dan: Oh, well . . . no, I haven't been called worse . . .
9:50 AM At least you're being called.
me: but Twain appears to be more of an anarchist than once thought
oh, constantly these days
also
Dan: He loved his Wild West days . . .
me: I still do, going shooting on Sunday
back in Texas now
9:51 AM also, I pulled a little prank on Kremlin-backed television the other evening
Dan: Hmmmm. Link?
me: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gbBZe478xE
a bit of background
you may be familiar with the Russian apartment bombings of 1999?
9:52 AM **Dan**: Yeah, I recall.
Chechen terrorists, they said.
me: a handful of writers, such as David Satter at National Review/Heritage and myself, have determined that it was the FSB
Dan: :-o
Not surprising.
me: I mean, the evidence is astounding
remember I write for Skeptic and Skeptical Inquirer
9:53 AM **Dan**: There's nothing Putin & crew won't do.
me: I'm not in the business of believing anything

but this one's legit

Dan: That's why all the speculation on the Polish president.

me: yep

I have no opinion on that one

it's one thing to kill Russians

but Russians killing POLES?!??!

inconceivable

Dan: Unheard of . . .

9:54 AM **me**: kidding, I really don't know about that one

Dan: Nor do I

You can bet that if it happened here, though, the UN wouldn't let the CIA cover the investigation without squawking.

9:55 AM Thanks for looking in. Gotta go pick mushrooms (yes, really).

me: I see

say hi to Vishnu for me

Dan: Rained last night. Got my big guns out to hunt for chanterelles.

9:56 AM **me**: watch that clip when you get a moment, though, funny part is at the end

Dan: Okay, I'll do that right now, so I don't forget.